

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lynchburg Virginia and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after June 26, 2017 the City of Lynchburg and DHCD will submit requests to the HUD Virginia Office for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Housing Trust Funds under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Old Forest Village

Purpose: Provide housing for persons with disabilities

Location: 2516 Old Forest Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501

Estimated Cost: \$6,041,331

Sources of Funds:

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity: \$4,372,898
- City of Lynchburg HOME Program: \$150,000
- DHCD Affordable Special Needs Housing- HOME Program: \$600,000
- Virginia Housing Trust Fund: \$428,903
- HUD Housing Trust Fund: \$425,847
- Deferred developer's fee: \$63,683.50

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lynchburg and DHCD have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA and at DHCD, 600 East Main Street Suite 300, Richmond, VA. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA and at DHCD, 600 East

Main Street Suite 300, Richmond, VA. All comments received by June 23, 2017 will be considered by the City of Lynchburg and DHCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Lynchburg and DHCD certifies to HUD that Bonnie Svrcek and William C. Shelton in their capacities as City Manager of the City of Lynchburg and Director of DHCD, respectively, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lynchburg and DHCD to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lynchburg's and DHCD's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lynchburg and DHCD; (b) the City of Lynchburg and DHCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, 600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-1800, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4881, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bonnie Svrcek, City Manager, City of Lynchburg
William C. Shelton, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development